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High-Speed Rail Authority Launches New Website Preserves Content, Conforms to State Standards and Saves Money

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – To cut costs, improve accessibility to information and to comply with current standards for executive branch websites, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is launching a new website on May 18, 2013. The new website is designed to improve user experience, foster transparency and provide the Authority with an online presence consistent with other State of California agencies. The new website address and homepage will be: www.hsr.ca.gov.

The new website will preserve and contain all the same documents and records as the old website. Since the Authority's new website has a new URL, all of the internal links and webpages will change as well as the homepage. To aid with locating documents on the new website, a site map has been developed. To assist the public further, the Authority will maintain its current site, www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov, in parallel with the new site, until May 28, 2013.

The Authority's new website will also be hosted by the California Office of Technology Services (Otech), resulting in significant cost savings and adoption of the CA.gov standardized template for Executive Branch State agencies and departments. Other California state departments such as the Business, Transportation & Housing Agency are updating their websites to conform to this standard format.

The new website demonstrates the Authority's commitment to an engaging online presence that is accessible to the public and encourages public participation in the high-speed rail system. Rapidly-available, online information and updates will be a key part of the website as the Authority prepares to begin major work on the first high-speed rail system in the nation.

About California High-Speed Rail Authority

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is responsible for planning, designing, building and operation of the first high-speed rail system in the nation. By 2029, the system will run from San Francisco to the Los Angeles basin in under three hours at speeds capable of over 200 miles per hour. The system will eventually extend to Sacramento and San Diego, totaling 800 miles with up to 24 stations. In addition, the Authority is working with regional partners to implement a statewide rail modernization plan that will invest billions of dollars in local and regional rail lines to meet the state's 21st century transportation needs. To learn more visit the Authority's website at cahighspeedrail.ca.gov and join us on facebook.com/CaliforniaHighSpeedRail and follow us at twitter.com/cahsra/.

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